

HOUSE RESOLUTION 74  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ruth Gaines of Unicoi County High School on her selection as the Tennessee Education Association's Educator of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Gaines is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, an English teacher at Unicoi County High School, Ruth Gaines, has recently been selected the Tennessee Education Association's Educator of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Gaines has served with acumen and alacrity as a English teacher at Unicoi County High School for many exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she has received the highest praise from Director of Schools Denise Brown, who said of Ms. Gaines, "Ruth is an exceptional teacher. She is knowledgeable and goes above and beyond the call of duty to make learning fun."; and

WHEREAS, not content to confine her excellent talents and capabilities exclusively to the classroom, Ruth Gaines supervises the high school's yearbook and newspaper staff, she coaches the cheerleaders, volunteers at sporting events, and organizes the school's graduation ceremony each year; and

WHEREAS, she has also expertly directed a remarkable twenty or more proms and organizes official certificates for student awards; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gaines truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Ruth Gaines is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her family; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Gaines truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Ruth Gaines of Unicoi County High School on being chosen as the Tennessee Education Association's Educator of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.